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Commission to meet with Senator Conrad Burns: The Commission meeting date has been changed from February 17 to February 12 in order to meet with Senator Conrad Burns.

Commission Elects New Officers: Loyd Wallin, formerly the vice-chair of the Montana State Library Commission, has been elected as the new chair while Anne Hauptman accepted the vice-chair position. Mary Doggett, past chair, will continue to serve as a commission member.

Fourteen Libraries Received LaserCat Grants: At the December Commission meeting, Commissioners awarded LaserCat Grants to the following libraries:

Joliet School & Public Library
Troy Public Library
Libby Middle School Library
McCone Memorial Public Library, Circle, MT
Conrad High School Library
Sheridan Public Library
Butte Vo-Tech Library
Havre High School Library
Winnett School Library/Petroleum Public Library
Wedsworth Library, Cascade, MT
Garfield County Library
Laurel Public Library
Saco Public Library
Troy High School Library

Partial funding was also approved for additional LaserCat grants, so watch for details in future issues of *News Update*.

Title I & III Grants Awarded to Three Different Sites: Parmly Billings Library, one of the successful candidates, will be awarded three grants to: extend library services to patrons with disabilities; offer instructional materials for non-English speakers, and provide library services to senior citizens and homebound individuals. Libby School District #4 will mount a county-wide networking effort to connect its public, school and rural libraries using technology and continuing education courses. Lewis & Clark County Public Library will receive partial funding to support "Reference Point," a project designed to link together libraries within and close to Lewis & Clark County.

Legislative Day Set: Steve Cottrell has announced January 13, 1993 as the date for the Library Association's Biennial Legislative Day. Activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Helena's Colonial Inn with a legislative workshop featuring former governor, Ted Schwinden. The Legislative Day will end with a buffet and reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Justice/State Library Building. President Cottrell urges all librarians, trustees, and friends to participate in all of the activities.

The WLN and Offline Users Group Plan Retreat: The retreat will be held at the Gran Tree Inn, Bozeman, MT on the dates of February 25 through 27. Discussion topics will be centered around the theme, "Technology — Connecting People to Information Resources and to Each Other." For more information contact Diane Gunderson, 444-5349 or Darlene Staffeldt 444-5381.

Grants Available for MLA Conference. Members of MLA are encouraged to contact Leza Hamby (363-3211) for details about individual continuing education and travel grants for the MLA Conference. Deadline for application is 2-1-93.

Georgia Lomax Accepts Seattle Job: Georgia Lomax, Flathead County librarian since 1987 has resigned to take a job in the Seattle area. In her new job as managing librarian in the King County Library system, Lomax will be in charge of creating a library in Covington, WA, a town that has never had a library.

Trustee's Manual Budget Shortfall: In order to contract with an editor and fund two editorial task force meetings, it has been discovered that the $5000 approved LSCA grant will be insufficient to complete the printing aspects of this project. In order to address this shortfall, the Montana State Library would like you to complete the following survey and return to Sheila Cates by 12-31-92.

Please indicate which option would most effectively meet your needs:

_____Two copies of the Trustee's Manual would be adequate for our library.

_____Our library would be willing to pay $5 per copy for five extra copies of the Manual.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	**25**	**State Holiday**
January	**1**	**State Holiday**
	4	**53rd Montana Legislature Convenes**
	13	**Montana Library Association Legislative Day, Helena**
	15-21	**Association for Library & Information Science Education — Denver**
	22-28	**ALA Mid-Winter meeting — Denver**
	27-29	**Montana Association of Elementary & Middle School Principals — Billings**
	28	**Advisory Council, Planning Committee, Helena, State Library (3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)**
	29	**Advisory Council Meeting, State Library, Helena**
February	**7-13**	**Business Professionals of America Week**
	12	**Montana State Library Commission Meeting — Helena**
	15-18	**Geographic Information System Conference — Vancouver, B.C.**
	25-27	**WLN & Offline Retreat — Bozeman**

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